

Biocolonialism

The Theft of Indigenous Peoples' DNA and the Destruction of the Biodiversity

a public forum with

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7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

Room 1430D, SFU Harbour Centre
515 W. Hastings St, Vancouver, BC
Coast Salish Territories

Debra Harry will talk about the current state of genetic research as it affects Indigenous peoples. Priscilla Settee will speak on Indigenous contributions to scientific knowledge and the need to address the impact of western development on the biodiversity on Indigenous lands. And Jeannette Armstrong will outline the infrastructures that enable the commodification of human and biological life. The panel and discussion will be moderated by Viola Thomas, Secwepemc Nation, president of the United Native Nations.

The forum is hosted by the United Native Nations, Ruth Wynn Woodward Endowed Chair of Women's Studies - Simon Fraser University, Urban Native Youth Association, Direct action Against Refugee Exploitation, Basmati Action Group, and the Vancouver Status of Women. Special thanks to the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

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